

FASCISTS FALL VICTIMS TO OWN BOMB IN AVENGING "IL DUCE" OUTRAGE

Italian Editor Says Politics Caused Harlem Explosion

Police are investigating charges that the explosion which killed two men and seriously wounded another in Harlem's Little Italy Saturday night was the result of a Fascist bomb plot to avenge the attack on Mussolini in Rome.

Carlo Tresca, anti-Fascist editor of *Il Martello*, an Italian newspaper published in this city, was an eyewitness of the entire affair and bore out the bomb theory. He and other anti-Fascist leaders say they have thoroughly investigated the fatal bombing.



They say Alfredo di Nardo, one of the bomb victims, was secretary of the newly organized Bronx and Harlem branch of the Fascist League of North America. Frank Esposito, another victim, was also a member of the New York Fascisti, it is alleged. The man injured by the explosion, Joseph Paciocco, is still in the Harlem Hospital in a critical condition and cannot be questioned.

Threatened Revenge

Tresca and his associates believe that the bomb was meant for anti-Fascist speakers grouped on a platform at 116th Street and 1st Avenue, but that it exploded prematurely, killing the men who were carrying it.

Carrying out his contention, the Italian editor declared he had received a phone call from an anonymous person Saturday afternoon before the meeting.

"You people tried to kill Mussolini," the voice asserted. "Watch out. We'll get our revenge tonight."

Explosion in Street

Tresca and other anti-Fascist leaders were on the platform that evening and Luigi Quintilliano was speaking. Pietro Allegra, head of the Anti-Fascist Alliance of North America, says he noticed a small car pass the speakers stand three times going in the same direction. Obviously, it was being driven around the block.

The fourth time, it was approaching the stand slowly when there was a terrific blast which rocked the street and spread consternation in all Harlem's Little Italy. For blocks around, women ran shrieking into the streets and men ran towards the scene of the occurrence.

Across the corner from the speakers' stand, patrolmen ran towards the auto and sought to block thousands who jammed the street from rushing forward.

Tresca said di Nardo pleaded in Italian, "Please help me, I am dying. I did not mean to hurt any one."

He was taken to Harlem Hospital where he died.

Two Injured in Fight

Today an argument over the attempted assassination ended in the serious injury of one man and the arrest for felonious assault of another.

Giacome Picone, 32, of 433 East 114th St., is in Flower Hospital with four stab wounds, and Frank Bellome, 25, of 190 4th St., Jersey City, was held without bail by Magistrate McAndrews in Yorkville Court. The fight took place when both men reported for work today at a 5th Avenue department store.

Husband Poisoned, Bride Held



MRS. ANNA LUKINOVITCH, 19, today is being held charged with poisoning her husband in order to elope with James Barcelona, a sailor, who also is in jail on charges of abducting and robbing her. The Lukinovitches are shown above just after they were married.

Eloping Wife Arrested For Poisoning Husband

Mrs. Anna Lukinovitich, pretty 19-year-old wife of Macary Lukinovitich, of 548 Avenue C, Bayonne, N. J., is under arrest in Bayonne today accused by her husband of having tried to murder him by putting drugs in his food.

James Barcelona, 21, a sailor attached to the U. S. S. Mehegan, now at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, is locked up in Bayonne police headquarters, charged with abducting the young wife while her husband was in a private sanitarium in Bayonne suffering from an illness claimed by him to have been brought on by the drugs she fed him. The sailor is also wanted for robbing the girl before leaving her in Trenton.

Lukinovitich, alone in his home in Bayonne, showed newspapermen dozens of empty bottles that had contained strong medicine which he declared he had taken to remedy the strange attacks he had been suffering.

Lukinovitich, a special officer and insurance agent, had learned of his wife's friendship with Barcelona. A few days ago he saw the young sailor in Bayonne and placed him under arrest on a charge of abduction.

According to the newspaper *Messaggero*, the investigation of the attempt to kill Mussolini, although just begun, already has revealed abundant evidence that it was not the isolated deed of a fanatic or anarchist, but the result of an elaborate plot, hatched by political expatriates in France who supplied the bomber with the facilities.

The bomber is Geno Lucetti, 26, an expatriate, long classed by police as a dangerous anarchist. Lucetti gave an alias when arrested.

BEDSIDE CAMPAIGN

CHICAGO, Sept. 13 (By U. P.).—From his bed in a local hospital, George E. Brennan, Democratic nominee for the United States Senate opened his Chicago and county campaign. Laid up with an injured knee, Brennan spoke against prohibition to a Sunday picnic over the radio.

Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges \$471,000,000
Balances 95,000,000
Credit balance.. 90,000,000

German Financier Faces Severe Ordeal on Stand In Famous Graft Trial

When Richard Merton, the government's star witness in the great conspiracy trial of Harry M. Daugherty, formerly attorney general, and Col. Thomas W. Miller, formerly alien property custodian, is resumed in the Federal Court today, an unusual course of procedure in cross-examination will be resorted to by the defense. It is understood that the attorneys for the defense will try to halt its cross-examination with the privilege of resuming later on in the trial.

Politicians Will Attend Funeral of Chinese Leader

Many downtown politicians and larger numbers of Chinese will attend the funeral services of Louie Do Fook, prominent Chinese merchant, to be held in the undertaking establishment of James Naughton, at 13 Mott St., this afternoon. Do Fook was a friend of Gov. Smith, who telegraphed that he will be unable to attend the services.

Four bands, two of them composed of Chinese musicians, will head the funeral procession to Evergreen Cemetery, Queens, where Do Fook will be buried temporarily.

Eventually his body will be taken to Canton, China, where a widow and two children survive him. He leaves two brothers here and a sister, who lives in Los Angeles, Cal.

Firebug Burns 7 Forest Hill Homes

Seven vacant dwellings were wiped out and a dozen more badly scorched with a property loss of \$75,000 by a fire believed incendiary that swept a new residential section at Forest Hills, L. I., early today.

The new homes were being built at the intersection of Manse, Loubert, Stafford and Baldwin Avenues, and none contained a fire.

Frank Treshman, superintendent, left at 4.15 a. m. to go on an errand, but seeing a light in the sky he went back to find seven of the eighteen homes roaring furnaces.

Three alarms were turned in. Owing to quagmire on the unconstructed street firemen had difficulty getting water on the flames.

Notes Attacking Princess Cause Turmoil in Chicago

Back from the Middle West, where her presence resulted in a flood of "poison pen" letters, Princess Marie of Bourbon of Spain arrived today at the Grand Central and was greeted by a large crowd. She plans to remain in New York until she sails for home in November.

When the princess boarded the Twentieth Century Limited in Chicago yesterday, she left behind a distracted and prostrated hostess in the person of Mrs. Bror Dahlberg and an angry host in the person of Mr. Dahlberg.

Hardly had the express started on its journey east when Mr. Dahlberg called on the postal authorities to run down the authors of the letters which have thrown Chicago society into a turmoil and given rise to all sorts of rumors.

Reports state that Merton, the German financier, whose success in negotiating with \$441,000 in Liberty bonds for the return of \$7,000,000 worth of war-seized property, will be subjected to a decided ordeal in the course of his cross-examination.



Col. William Rand, chief counsel for Miller, will do the quizzing. Col. Rand indicated the possibility of an interrupted and delayed cross-examination last Friday when he told Judge Julian W. Mack that in view of the opening of Emory R. Buckner, United States attorney, he would be unable to complete his cross-examination of the witness "until a further stage of the case."

He asked to have it understood "that when I stop, I am not through, because I cannot get through." Judge Mack tentatively accepted the suggestion that later testimony might justify further such cross-examination. Directly Mr. Merton to remain on against such a development, he Col. Rand:—

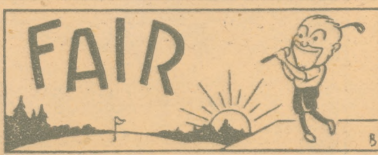
"If at any time you purpose further examining the witness, the questions are pertinent to further cross-examination, it will be permitted."

Col. Rand's reservation was believed to take on added significance in view of the legal strategy likely to come to light in the now famous case as result of the apparent desire of Mr. Merton to play safe on the witness stand.

Mr. Merton has shown so far to say he paid \$441,000 as "graft." Merton insisted in court that he claim on the \$87,000,000 assets of the American Metal Company was a legal one and that the \$391,000 in Liberty bonds which he turned over to John T. King, political fixer extraordinary, was a "financial arrangement, entered into with King because of mistrust for lawyer."

THE WEATHER

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LOCAL—Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight; fresh north to northeast winds.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight; probably light frost in extreme north portion; fresh northwest, shifting to north and northeast winds.
Hour. Temp. Weath. Barom. Wind.
Midnight.. 66 Clear 29.92 SW. 20
2 a. m. 64 Clear 29.92 SW. 18
4 a. m. 64 Pt. cloudy 29.89 W. 18
6 a. m. 66 Pt. cloudy 29.90 NW. 20
8 a. m. 69 Pt. cloudy 29.92 NW. 18
10 a. m. 68 Pt. cloudy 29.93 NW. 24